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SUBJECT: REVISED FRENCH AIDE MEMOIRE?

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1. A SOURCE IN THE BELGIAN DELEGATION HAS TOLD US THAT THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) IN THEIR MEETING ON SEPT 4 WILL AGAIN CONSIDER THE FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR RESUMING THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. OUR SOURCE PREDICTED THAT THE FRENCH WILL TABLE A REVISED VERSION OF THEIR AIDE MEMOIRE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COMMENTS MADE AT THE COREPER MEETING ON AUG 22 (SEE REFTTEL) AND AT THE IEA MEETING ON AUG 25.

2. THE BELGIAN DELEGATION INTENDS TO SUGGEST THE FRENCH AGREE TO ATTACH A COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE TO THEIR INVITATIONS TO PREPCON II SO AS TO MAKE CLEAR TO ALL PARTICIPANTS THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE DIALOGUE IS TO BE RESUMED.

3. IF THE FRENCH DO PRESENT A REVISED VERSION OF THEIR AIDE

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MEMOIRE, (AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION THAT THEY INTEND TO DO SO), THE BELGIANS, AT LEAST, HOPE THAT

THE PERM REPS WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE TO THE REVISED TEXT SO THE FACT IT HAS EC-NINE BACKING CAN BE MADE KNOWN WHEN THE INVITATIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

4. FINALLY, IT IS EXPECTED THAT COREPER WILL DISCUSS THE REQUEST BY OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP FOR OBSERVER STATUS, ALONG WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, AT THE INITIAL MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN. THE BELGIANS HAVE DECIDED TO OPPOSE VAN LENNEP'S REQUEST ARGUING THAT GRANTING HIM OBSERVER STATUS MIGHT PROVOKE SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHER CORNERS, NOTABLY OPEC. GREENWALD

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